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**AN ORDINANCE
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**AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING THE PROPOSED 2009
SOLID WASTE SERVICES PROGRAM AT A NEUTRAL
DOLLAR AMOUNT BY COLLECTING RECYCLABLES
WEEKLY AND CEASING COLLECTION OF YARD
TRIMMINGS.**

WHEREAS, Department of Public Works focus groups, input during the development of Atlanta's Comprehensive Solid Waste Plan indicated a citywide desire for increased recycling; and

WHEREAS, changing to twice per month collection of recycling as proposed in 2009 Budget would result in less recycling citywide; and

WHEREAS, increased recycling would result in decreased tipping fees for garbage and therefore represent savings for the Bureau of Solid Waste Services; and

WHEREAS, City of Atlanta does charge for recycling but has never charged its' citizens for yard trimming collections and in this very difficult budget year, Atlanta must regrettably cut back on services, especially free services; and

WHEREAS, by deleting yard trimming collection and encouraging home composting and collecting recyclables every week, there is no dollar change to the proposed Public Works 2009 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, as follows:

Section 1: That the Department of Public Works develop educational materials on at-home composting for the City of Atlanta website and beginning July 1, 2008, cease collection of yard trimmings and continue collection of recycles weekly.

Section 2: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.